PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN SEPT. 5TH

List of Teachers for Ensuing Year.

NODALTERATIONS IN COURSES

Fire Escapes Erected at Union and Primary Buildings-High Room Decorated

Information concerning the schools of the city and the outline of the course of study is contained in a pamphlet published this week under the authority of the board of educaintend taking college, business or vo-cational training. The board of education urge through this announcement students from the rural districts to register at Alma high school. In past years registration from the country has been large and the ensuing year promises to be an exception.

substantially the same for the ensuing year. No announcement has been made relative to the night school, made relative to the night school, but in all probability some action will HEALTH CAMPAIGN TO CONbe taken as soon as there is an indication that a night school is wanted.

There will be few changes in the corps of teachers this year. A. C. Luchtman, who has been an instructor in the high school for several Dr. Carney is Determined to years, will be the principal of the high school for the coming year, New instructors will be found in the commercial, manual training, English and science departments. A couple of changes also occur in the intermediate and primary departments.

Improvements on all the school room are being tinted and the exterg. The fall term will open Tuesday,

September 5th. The list of teachers announced by Superintendent A. F. Schultz follows: Belle Martin Physical Science Francis Lake Manual Training

Winifred C. TrappGrade 6 n't see why he should do it now.

Frances M. StittGrade 5 Additional men on the police for Addie Snyder Margery Deal Grade 2B-1A Gertrude A. Scheurer A.-Subprimary Maude Garrity B.-Subprimary Grace L. Kramer Kindergarten

POSTMASTERS TO ASSIST

Burleson Issues Orders to Second, Third, and Fourth Class Offices

render to officers of the army all as- nnces. The department has a line

Fostmaster General Burleson, was re- ing their keep. The department is ceived by Postmaster Cash at the local demanding that covered boxed be used effice this morning and steps will be for stable refuse and thus far many taken immediately to carry out the in- people owning barns in the city have structions. Postmasters will pro- built them. The usual number, howcure as many desirable applicants ever, are taking their time meanwhile for enlistment as possible in their paving the way for arrest and fine. The president was authorized by an delayed. As soon as possible the in-act of congress of June 3rd, 1916 to struction cards will be sent out to assisting recruiting officers.

Miss Elizabeth M. Roberts Will Have Charge of Wright Hall

Miss Elizabeth M. Roberts of Mendville, Pa., has been secured by Thirty Turn Out to Try for Positions President H. M. Crooks to act as dean of women of Alma college and to we charge of part of the English ork of the institution for the comtate in Ohio and for five years was on the faculty of the Edinboro Normal mine the members. school in Pennsylvania. Miss Roberts has done considerable graduate work in Columbia, Allegheny college and ceived her master's degree from Al-

TAKE OVER CONTRACTS New Organization Will Manage Ly-

ceum and Chautauqua for 1917

At a meeting of the members of the Alma Lyceum and Chautauqua association at the Alma State Savings Eank, Wednesday night, a draft of the Supt. Schultz Announces constitution was presented to the association and adopted as drawn up by the committee. In all probability the organization will be incorporated under the laws of the state and steps will be taken towards this end im-

Formal action was taken regarding the contract with the Redpath Chautauqua for 1917 and the lyceum course during the winter whereby the association becomes responsible for ful-filling both contracts. The chautauqua contract had already been signed by a representative committee, who are members of the present organization. The lyceum contract was signed early

in the spring.
One of the important actions taken at last night's meeting was the passage of a motion urging the committee on community interests, when chosen, to co-operate with the Civic League tion. It is a very complete representation of the opportunities offered by the local high school for students who in the matter of asking the council to Mexico, who is spending a few days picture films in the city play houses. A nominating committee consisting rected in a business way with leaders of president, vice-president and secretary was appointed to select the acquainted with conditions on the members of the various committees border and in the interior, Mr. Brock of the organization. Plans were discussed and tentative arrangements made for a banquet of the members The courses of study will remain of the association to be held Friday night, September 1.

TINUE DESPITE OPPOSITION

Clean up Alma and Nothing Will Stop Effort

his efforts. That the council are de- when it did not intervene previous to termined to assist the health depart- the present border trouble. ment in every possible way is indi- "The whole cause of the trouble be-C. Luchtman Principal cated by the fact that three ordinances tween this county and Mexico start-

L. E. Vander Zlam ... Eng. and Math. the campaign during the past six little of the trouble only what they weeks considerable gloom has settled picked up from rumors coming their Ella M. Clark Natural Science over the health department occasioned way. The people on the border, both ty the unreasonable opposition of cer- on this side of the river and on the Eleanor Bittner Latin tain "public spirited" citizens. In other, have always caused trouble. Mae Hamilton. Dom. Science and Art many cases property holders have op-Mae Jones. . Vocal Music and Drawing enly said they wouldn't clean up no as much to blame as those across the Cora Dunlap, Principal: Gertrude matter what ordinances were passed. Rio Grande. For my part I would Moorhouse, Laura Soule, Edna B. One party said that he had lived in rather meet a Mexican than a Texan. the city for thirty years and no one Grades 7 and 8, Depart'al plan had ever the bar to remove any border was about the only wise thing

Agnes M. BuckhamGrade 4 the present difficulty and according to this country were of no consequence, success, but a few local parties, who Annette McLaren, Principal. Grade 4 Dr. Carney such a deputy will have to and that our army had no equipment had almost started a company at one Annette McLaren, Principal. Grade 3 by appointed to assist him and whatsoever. They have a different time, fostered the idea and were in that digging party in Martinpuich, Grade 3B-2A that this officer be retained for nothing notion of our strength now that the fluential in assisting Mr. Wagner seelse but work connected with the health department. Dr. Carney thinks several weeks. Opposing this country that nothing much can be accomplishing the country took on a different color along the try took on a different color along the city for thirty years. We don't make many change the city for thirty years. ed in bringing offenders of the ordinances to time under the present ar-

Although the department has met with a great deal of harsh criticism many people have caught the spirit of the movement and are cleaning up. "Postmasters at offices of the sec- Dr. Carney stated that especially and third and fourth classes will, with the residential parts of the city efforts out neglecting their official duties, are being made to observe the ordisistance possible in their efforts to or every out-house and manure pile in the city and will compell property The above order was issued by owners to comply with the law regard-

localities. The applicant's names will Owing to matters that had to be he reported to the nearest recruiting looked after in connection with the officer and a member of the recruiting ordinances the contract with parties party will be sent to examine them. to collect the city garbage has been utilize the services of postmasters for every house in the city so there can be no mistaken ideas in the methods of handling garbage. Until regular DEAN OF WOMEN SECURED collection commences residents are re-

FIRST BAND REHEARSAL

in Republic Band

guested to manage in the best pos-

and has had a wide experience in is the plan of those in charge to have it the teaching profession. For three the men try out for positions in the do something of the sort in order to years she taught at New Lyme insti- organization and several meetings will keep the United States out of Mexico

Detroit were the guests of her broth- in

MEXICO NEEDS HELP OF U. S.

Situation Between Countries says Elton Brock

Manufacturers Should Take Advantages of War to Secure New Markets

"Intervention is absolutely the only solution to the situation now existing INTEREST IN BOND between the United States and Mex ico," was the statement of W. Elton Brock, a prominent business man in in this city previous to his return to Mexico City. Mr. Brock has been conof both factions in Mexico and is class of 1899.

"Intervention has been the itarian point of view. Mexico needs the bond issue.

In spite of the advancement made in new nothing of the causes and very

The sending of the troops to the

the soldiers in action. ment has made and apparently is go- 425 of which are in this city. ing to continue to make is over trade | One of the encouraging features of Europe practically everything came were active in its organization is the automobiles there were four machines not very enthusiastic over the propowhich belonged to foreign countries tries will simply commence where they and will have the general supervision left off unless we do something about of the Gratiot county plant. He is an Thirty-five Celebrate Old School Days

"This country should have every bit of the trade with Mexico and a majority of the trade in South America. It could have it if the administration and merchants would take certain steps to make it convenient for foreign countries to trade here. England did it, Germany did it and why

can't the United States do the same? Thirty musicians met at the city hall eigu country was influencing Mexico self. The Bamber dray line is the Monday night for the first rehearsal to continue the trouble with this oldest in the city and has always giv-Japan he said might want to Mr. Bamber's residence, be held in the near future to deter- se that she might have a place to send her over-flow of population. In Mr. Mrs. Emerson Sloat and children of haps Germany was using her influence Mexico to start war with

MICHIGAN AVE. HEIGHTS Most Desirable Location for Homes

The Michigan Avenue Peights sub-division will be the most desirable lo-cation to build a home in the city. It is a half-mile from the center of the city and within easy touch of both the old and new plants of the Republic Motor Truck Co. All the lots will be in reach of sewer and water mains, electric lights and gas. The management expect to make the sub-division just as attractive a spot as possible tions of it for park purposes. Pave-ment will be laid on Michigan avenue and are going to retain certain sec-The other streets will be gravel. In order to make the location British Laugh and Joke in especially desirable the owners will place restrictions as to cost and lo-

cations of houses. Half the sub-divi-

sion is already in the city limits.

Now That Library and Park Items are Removed by Council

More interest in the bonding proposition is being manifested by the genone eral public since the library and parks thing that could have solved the items were erased from the list by the trouble from the opening of the con- council last week. Many people in thing but winter will stop it. Though troversy several years ago if the ad- the city were radically against bond- no village or considerable frontage of ministration had not been influenced ing for a library and park improve- trenches was stormed in the last few otherwise. Americans in Mexico have ment, and stated that unless they days, every day found some strong always wanted the government to in- were removed from the list they would point taken and some new spur trench tervene not from the standpoint, as vote against the entire proposition, thrown out of operation which folso many people think, of financial With this little friction out of the way lowed and preceded each big blow. gain to ourselves, but from a human-there is nothing that can side-track

City Health Commissioner T. J. Car. and they have been more or less other items that could be arranged gan.

be taken regarding the library and be mentioned here.

ON PAYING BASIS

Great Success

The Gratiot County Gas Company went over onto the credit side of the ledger the first of the month accordmanager, A. G. Leitch, this week.

The Gratiot County Gas company has done during the last three years. Grand Rapids in 1913. At the time Additional men on the police force Many of the Mexicans along the bord- the gas proposition was first mentour cities, Alma, St. Louis, Ithaca and

> with Mexico. Before the war in the business especially to those who from across the water. In the case of present attitude of parties who were from Europe in Mexico to one from sition when it was first mentioned America. That is about the ratio in Repeated efforts have been made by

> every line. When the war closes the some of these people to buy stock in situation will revert back to where it the company within the past six was before hostilities commenced months. At present every bit of the simply because this country is not stock has been taken up and the mamaking any effort to establish perm- jority is owned by Gratiot residents. anent foreign trade. Because of the A. G. Leitch, who has acted as war our home markets are left bare manager of the Gratiot County Gas of any foreign articles and our manu- Co., for the past year and a half, will ufacturing concerns are satisfied to leave the city about the middle of reap a harvest in this country now in- September for Johnson City, Tenn., stead of planning definitely on estab- where he will take over the managelishing their products in markets ment of another company. Mr. Leitch which belonged to foreign countries will be succeeded by E. J. Wagner. before the war. The European coun- Mr. Wagner comes from Ames, Iowa.

BAMBER ON DRAY AGAIN

experienced gas manager.

again back on his dray line and asks his former patrons to make a note of ments with Clyde Campbell to handle the business, but Tuesday, Mr. Camptell discontinued in the employ of Mr. When asked if he thought any for Bamber, going into business for him-

HOLT-HINKLE

parsonage by Rev. Thomas G. R.

WILL CONTINUE

Winter May Cause Cessation in Great Offensive says Writer at Front

SPIRIT IS LACKING

Trenches as Fire Tears German Defense

Frederick Palmer, who is with the British army in France, states in the for about nine years he had lived by the management of the Gratiot following article that the British drive in the state of Oklahoma, a true and County Fair association is the most Will continue until winter. Ar. passed away August 12th, 1916, aged united States and is considered the foremost authority on the conditions besides his many friends, he leaves

went out to the field would conclude, judging from the unceasing enormous dumn of gun fire, that the terrific nieces. Lattle was in progress. No one the correspondents meet at the front 239 I.O.O.F. think the offensive is over or that any-

"For six weeks now the British have maintained a torrent of shell fire the assistance of this country and The greater part of the criticism which German, prisoners who have she has always needed it, only it has came from the sections of the city been at Verdun say surpasses anybeen had to understand just what the where new mains and sewerage pipes thing they endured there, while at attitude of the United States was to- will be installed. Residents there the different munition depots the piles ward the Mexican. The general public stated that it didn't seem right to cut of shells seem as plentiful as on the in Mexico are uneducated and ignor- the amount in order to crowd in two day before the grand offensive be-

ney stated this week that the health influenced by some of the big per-campaign in the city would be carried sonalities of which there are several words objections was raised because her's taste. They have had such an Improvements on all the school buildings are being completed this summer and considerable equipment added to the different departments. The walls of the high school assembly room are being tinted and the exterroom are being tinted and the exterior of the Union school will be painted
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before the fall term opens. Slate
black boards have been placed in all
the buildings and fire escapes erectthe buildings and its store balling banks of Ithaca offer the following
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the buildings and its store balling the buildings and are escapes erected at Union school and primary build- opposition as long as the council show- of the Mexicans. The real opportant the best 1/2 bu. of oats 3.00 an inclination to back him up in tunity of the government was lost two movements wait until the most ever changing as one shell carter this loss falls heavily on the farmers The best 1/2 bu. of barley necessary improvements are made to filled and another formed. The British and poultry men. Naturally, we can- The best 1/2 bu. rye the city. While no definite statement | Leep domination by tactics and meth- not pay for rotten eggs or broken | The best 1/4 but of sugar-beets 2.00 has been made as to what steps will ods of fortification not permitted to

> The Australians could describe the months people living in the interior plan will be adopted where by the latest German counter attack, which was Friday night, as comic, if the result had not been tragic for the two battalions which made it. Apparently the Germans were mostly recruits. Gratiot County Gas Company Proves When assembling for the attack they be gathered early and marketed frewere caught by the British howitzer fire. When they crossed an open space, they were caught by both the fire. Some 40 survivors who got to ing to a statement given out by the trenches held up their hands. The Australians called upon them to come

> "Wherever the Germans are quartered they suffer night and day a nerve are absolutely worthless. If the racking bombardment. The artillery commander has but to say.' "Put 20 rounds of eight-inch shells in Cour- their other farm work, they would sellette," or "We might as well stop find themselves many dollars ahead border has been lined with troops for cure his first franchise, which was like railroad trains through the air and away go the messingers roaring the year.

border when Mexicans actually saw the first and today is operating in the map this way," said a gunner, "We don't make many changes in "but as a matter of bookkeeping in "The great mistake that this govern- Breckenridge having 950 consumers, causalties, the balance is all in our tavor. It softens things up for our infantry before they attack. It is a demoralizing and continuous nightmare and explains why the Germans can put no more spirit into their

"After three days of cooler weather, another heat wave has come. For four weeks there has been no rain except a slight shower. The ground are beginning to fall from the trees in some places. One result of the shell fire over a great depth of the German front is to prevent the Germans bringing water as well as food up. The thirsty men at the front are penned up in trenches in the burning hot earth in this fierce August weather.

MOODY REUNION HELD

at St. Louis, Wednesday

The Silas Moody reunion was held Wednesday at the home of Henry Davidson in St. Louis Thirty-five were present at the reunion, 15 of these being former students of Mr. doody during the years of '62 and '63. A special program of songs and recitations, reminders of the good old school days, had been prepared by Mr. Moody and was thoroughly enjoyed. An excellent dinner was served by the ing year. Miss Roberts is a graduate of a band which if it materializes country Mr. Brock stated that he did en efficient service. Parties wishing hostess at noon. The election of offiof Allegheny college, Pennsylvania, will be called the Republic Band. It not think there was a word of truth in dray service should call this office or cers resulted in Silas Moody chosen tary and treasurer. An executive committee consisting of Mrs. Henry Dav. send the articles to this office. idson, Mrs. Sarah Foland, Mrs. Jessie Mr. Wilbur Holt and Miss Hazel Vliet and Mrs. Frank Freaer was ap-Brock's opinion the assertion that per- hinkle were married at the Methodist pointed. The reunion will be held

PIONEER PASSES AWAY

A. C. Gallagher Dies in Oklahoma City Following Short Illness

Adelbert C. Gallagher, a pioneer of Gratiot county, died in Oklahoma City, Saturday, following a short illness. Mr. Gallagher was well known throughout the county. The body was returned to his old home Monday and funeral services held Tuesday afterroon from the home of Charles Gallagher, north of Forest Hill. Interment took place in the Shepherd ceme-tery, Rev. L. C. Doerr, pastor of the Forest Hill Church of Christ officiat-

Adelbert C. Gallagher, son of Amanda and Thomas Gallagher, was born on December 25th, 1961.

Until about nine years ago he lived wo miles north of Forest Hill, in which community he endeared himself to all those with whom he came in contact, through his actions of kindness and deeds of friendship.

will continue until winter. Mr. Pal- much respected citizen, and there he attractive that has ever been announcpassed away August 12th, 1916, aged ed. Special emphasis has been placed

"Anyone who might think from to mourn his loss an aged father keen on the part of the two sisters, Mrs. Emily Conley, and the British offensive were over, if he Mrs. A. J. O'Boyle; two brothers. Gratiot county's fai Mr. William Gallagher and Mr. Chas. Gallagher and five nephews and

He was a member of Coe Lodge No.

FARMERS SHOULD USE MORE CARE IN HANDLING EGGS

Dozens of Eggs are Thrown Away Daily at Swift Plant Says Manager

Carelessness in the handling of eggs | year. costing farmers and poultry men in the vicinity of this city many dol- stein cattle, offer a \$50 registered bull lars. At the Swift & Company Pro- calf to the boy who exhibits the best udce house today it was declared that grade Holstein heifer at the fair. J.

eggs, but it is possible for the poultry | The best display of vegetables. . 10.00 raisers of this part of the country to would only use a little more care.

eight hours if it is not stored in a cool The best display of sewing and place and I would suggest that eggs

marketing them at irregular intervals. The inevitable result of this is that when the eggs are submitted to the candling test a big percentage of them farmers would apply as much care in the handling of eggs as they do in when they figure up their profits for

COUNTY CONVENTION Sunday School of Gratiot Will Hold Conference Sept. 23-24

convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24 in the city of Wheeler. The full program for the ent size and progressiveness. two days will be announced soon and | Mrs. McLaren passed her seventywill have several prominent Sunday eight birthday, last January, while school workers from the state on it. Mr. McLaren will be eighty-one on Prof. F. S. Goodrich, state secretary, the twentieth of this month. has arranged to be present at the A family dinner was enjoyed durconvention and sends word that J. ing the day, at the home on West W. Eldridge of Cincinnati, Ohio, a Center street. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. is parched by drought and the leaves Bible school specialist, will address Alverson of Ithaca, whose wedding the county representatives on organ- anniversary also occurred upon this ized Bible class work. Rev. Alfred date, were present to celebrate the Ray Atwood of Lansing will have day with their parents. Messages charge of the teacher training work. of greeting were received by Mr. and Speakers from among the county's Mrs. McLaren from all their children most enthusiastic Sunday school work- wishing them many wedding anniers will be heard. On Saturday, the first day of the convention, an efficicitcy conference will be conducted by Prof. Goodrich and Mr. Eldridge. The Anti-Saloon league will send a speaker to the convention.

WOMAN LOSES POCKETBOOK

at Alma, Monday night. It belonged city. The committee in charge ask to a poor woman and contained the that all Illinois people come with a full last cent she had. She is a widow and has a child to support. Between 7:00 dubious the dinner will be served in and 9:00 o'clock someone, supposedly some hall in the city. Come rain or a lady for it was left in the ladies' rest room, robbed the pocketbook of its valuables. The pocketbook contained a \$5.00 bill, a purse with a dollar bill in it and some change, a pen knife and a gold ring. The money is greatly needed so if anyone knows Ad. as president, Dr. Yerrington, secre- anything about it, who took it or where it is please leave the information or

HOWD-BLISS

parsonage by Rev. Thomas G. R. at the home of Lafayette Buchanan's were united in marriage by Rev. long swim in the river. The high back Brownlow, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. home in August 1917. Out of town Thomas G. R. Brownlow at the Methonic was started about 3:00 o'clock er, Mr. C. C. Dickerson, for the past this country in order to stop the flow Holt will make their home in Carson guests were Mrs. Sarah Cheesman odist parsonage, Monday morning. Mr. week. Mrs. Sloat was formerly Miss of munitions to the alies had no City. Mr. Holt was formerly of this Nelson of Saginaw, S. S. Hastings and Mrs. Howd left for a wedding trip Jackson was the leader city.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL BEST IN YEARS

Interest Indicates Exhibits at Fair will be Representative of County.

AN EXCELLENT PREMIUM LIST

New Floral Hall Nearly Completed-Proper Support Will Bring More Equpiment

The special list of premiums offered by the management of the Gratiot on the premiums for boys and girls under 16 years of age and the fair people state that interest promises to be keen on the part of the boys and girls

Gratiot county's fair, which will open in a few weeks, will be the finest in the history of the annual festival. The exhibits and displays promise to be unusually attractive and representative of the entire coun-The races booked for the week

will have some fast entries. The construction of a new fire-proof floral building is the one thing that is reviving interest in the fair. The building is practically completed and is a very attractive and substantial hall. Secretary McCall stated this week that if the people of the county supported the fair in a manner that indicated to the fair management of continued support from year to year, another building would be added to the fair equipment before next

Tubbs Brothers, breeders of Hol-

For girls under 16 years of age: eve many dollars every week if they The best display of flowers ... \$5.00

The best display of canned fruit "With weather conditions as they are now an egg will spoil in forty- The best display of cooking . . . 5.00

fancy work 5.00 The exhibits must be in and registered by Tuesday, August 29. Child-"Many country people seem to fol- den's Day will be observed as usual low the practice of gathering eggs this year, the management having British guns and the machine gun late in the day and then leaving them designated Wednesday, August 30th, in a shed or some other hot place, and when all school children in Gratiot county under 12 years of age will be admitted free.

57TH ANNIVERSARY Mr. and Mrs. M. McLaren Celebrate

Their Marriage Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLaren very quietly celebrated the fiftyseventh anniversary of their marriage, which occurred on August 11, 1859, in Victoria county, Ontario, Canada, at their home on West Center street, Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Mc-Laren lived in Canada until 1876. when they removed to Alma. They The Gratiot County Sunday School were among the first to settle here permanently and have seen the city grow from a mere hamlet to its pres-

versaries.

ILLINOIS PICNIC Will be Held in Wright Park August 26-Arrangements Complete

annual Illinois pienie which will be A pocketbook was left in the depot held this year at Wright Park in this basket. In case the weather is

ENJOY HIKE AND PICNIC Junior Scouts Spend Day at Grass-mere on the Banks of the Pine

The Junior Boy Scouts hiked to Grassmere Tuesday and had a picnic on the banks of the ragging Pine. The couts gathered at the park in the morning and started for the country about 10:30 o'clock. Following a real Ira S. Howd and Miss Eythel Bliss picnic dinner the scouts enjoyed a home was started about 3:00 o'clock and was made in two hours. Rev.